

ALDERMEN FAVOR A TUNNEL.
REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE ON "DEAD MAN'S CURVE."

The Law Committee of the Board of Aldermen made a report on the "Dead Man's Curve" at Fourteenth-st. and Broadway yesterday, which ended with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks be and they are hereby respectfully urged to give immediate consideration to this matter, and to kindly favor this Board's report as to their conclusions and intended action.

The report referred to the committee's visit to the members of the Park Board to urge upon them the adoption of the Broadway Cable Roads' proposal to do away with the deadly curve by the building of a tunnel diagonally under Union Square Park from Fourteenth to Seventeenth st. It was urged in the report, "that the imminent danger to life and limb was a constant menace to the public, who had occasion to pass over or near the point known as 'Dead Man's Curve,' and that all other considerations, excepting the two which are herein referred to, should be subordinated to this important and serious question."

The report asks that the park-holders and storekeepers along Union Square West be consulted, to learn the views as to the possible effect of the proposed tunnel on their business. It is also recommended that a slow cable might reduce the number of accidents at this dangerous point, but it would not eliminate the danger entirely, while the tunnel project would in all probability remove all elements of danger.

BLESSING THE EAST RIVER.

A ceremony new to this city was witnessed on the Monday afternoon when the congregation of the Russian Church at No. 32 Second-ave., marched to the end of East Thirty-second-st., and their priest blessed the East River. It was a small imitation of the great baptismal parades which takes place each year at the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Czar and his nobles take part in the ceremony of blessing the waters of the Neva near the Winter Palace. There was a large attendance of men and women at the Russian Church on Monday, and at 2 p.m. the procession started for the river, carrying banners, a large cross, lighted candles, images of the Saviour and the Kazan Virgin, the Gospels and a large basin of water. The rector of the church wore a purple and lace cassock and a silver brocade chasuble, and was accompanied by two priests recently arrived from Europe. Other men in the procession wore scarlet and gold brocade. The thirty-second-st. street received the water in the basin and sprinkled some of the water on the river. He also made an address. During the parade, the men present in the mede were bareheaded, wearing the apron of the water and the blessed, and some carried bottles full of it to their homes.

CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED CHARTER.

The Greater New-York Charter Commission met yesterday in executive session in the Mayor's office, and resumed its consideration of the amendments to the proposed charter, the session lasting until about 6 o'clock. The secretary, George M. Pinney, said that the subjects discussed included that of pensions and salaries of firemen and policemen, which was finally sent to a special committee. There were a few minor changes in the chapter relating to the Corporation Counsel. The Correction Department and the Finance Department chapters as were not modified. There was a long discussion as to the proposed change of that section of the Public Improvements chapter that one-third of the amount of money necessary for any improvement be collected before the improvement begin. Secretary Pinney says that he thinks this provision will be changed. The Building Department chapter was amended so as to require that the commissioners, architects or builders at least ten years' standing.

LIBRARY OF THE NORMAL COLLEGE.

Miss Edith Rice was yesterday appointed librarian of the Normal College at a salary of \$600 a year. President Hubbell of the Board of Education was chosen chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Normal College and the College of the City of New-York, meetings of both of which were held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Education. President Webb of the City of New-York failed to be present at yesterday's meeting on account of illness. He was represented by Professor Doremus, the vice-president of the college.

MANY INQUIRIES AT COOPER UNION.
Dr. J. W. Chapman preached an evangelistic sermon yesterday in Cooper Union. The topic was "The Great Salvation," and in his earnest and convincing manner the preacher presented the Gospel claims. Following the principal meeting there was no inquirer in the committee room. This meeting was led by Dr. Dixon, and was as large as the others. In addition to the meetings in the Academy of Music on Sunday and in Cooper Union five days in the week, Dr. Dixon is holding services every night in the Fourteenth Street Presbyterian Church, at Second-ave. and Fourteenth-st.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

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